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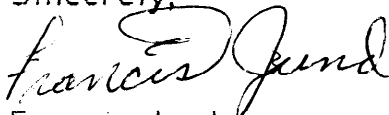
Dear Dorothy Walker,

This letter regards the proposal to change Mercer County to Central Time, docket number OST-200-8013. I want the time to stay on Mountain Time. This allows me to get home from work before the business places downtown close, therefore I can do local shopping whenever needed. I get home an hour sooner, and can attend my son's extracurricular events more easily. School children don't have to go to school in the dark in the winter if it stays on Mountain Time.

When the measure was on the ballot during the primary election, the number of votes for Central Time wasn't much greater than for Mountain Time. It was not an overwhelming majority. Also, the voter turnout for this election was very low, so it is not a true accounting of how the County residents feel about this issue.

I am asking you to leave Mercer County on Mountain Time. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Francis Jund